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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present for your perusal my report for 1937 on the Statistics and Sanitary Conditions of the Normanton Urban District. The report follows the requirements of Circular 1650 issued by the Ministry of Health.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM McKIE.

October, 1938.



The area of the district remained at 1228 acres for the year 1937 and the Registrar General's estimate of the population was 14650, a decrease of 280 from 1936. The number of houses occupied at the end of the year was 3701, an increase of 34, and this gives 3.9 as the number of persons per inhabited house for the year.

The rateable value for 1937 was £54084 and this gave the value of a penny rate as £202.

Coal mining, the staple industry of the district, still showed considerable unemployment and short time, although there was some slight improvement. The lesser numbers of the male population employed on the Railway, Chemical Works and Brick and Stone Quarries remained the same as in the previous years. Female labour find employment in the Textiles and Tailoring Establishments of Leeds, Wakefield and Castleford.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1937.

The birth rate for 1937 was 16.2 per 1000 of population.

BIRTHS (LIVE)

<u>LEGITIMATE.</u>	<u>ILLEGITIMATE.</u>
Males 146	3
Females 87	2
<u>233</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>TOTAL 238</u>	

STILL BIRTHS.

<u>LEGITIMATE.</u>	<u>ILLEGITIMATE.</u>
Males 6	1
Females 5	-
<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>TOTAL 12.</u>	

The birth rate for 1937 showed a decrease from 1936 which was 17.4 but is higher than 1935 which was 14.9 the lowest on record.

The birth rate for England and Wales for 1937 was 14.9.

The still birth rate for the year was .81 per 1000 as compared with .60 for the Country generally.

DEATH RATE.

The death rate for 1937 was 11.3 per 1000 and that for England and Wales 12.4. The total number of deaths recorded was 166, this comprised 91 males and 75 females.

CAUSES OF DEATH FOR 1937.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Typhoid Fever.	1	-
Influenza.	2	2
Encephalitic Legarthica.	-	1
Pneumonia (All Forms).	2	5
Bronchitis.	3	2
Other Respiratory.	1	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	4	1
Heart Diseases.	23	23
Other Circulatory Diseases.	6	2
Cerebral Hemorrhage.	6	4
Cancer.	10	11
Digestive Diseases.	-	2
Diseases of Liver (other than Cirrhosis)	1	2
Acute and Chronic Nephritis.	1	1
Appendicitis.	1	1
Diarrhoea (under 2 years).	1	1
Congenital Debility, premature birth, malformation, etc.	10	1
General Paralysis of Insane, Tabes, etc.	1	1

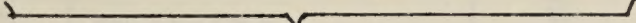
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	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Violence (other than Suicide).	4	1
Senility.	10	5
Other Defined Causes.	4	5
Puerperal Sepsis.	-	1
Diabetes.	-	2
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TOTAL.	91	75.

Diseases of the heart and blood vessels claimed 64 deaths while Cancer and Respiratory Diseases had a total of 21 and 19 respectively. These groups accounted for almost two-thirds of the deaths. The total for the Respiratory group remained low.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year totalled 15 and this gave a death rate of 63 per 1000 live births which compared with the figure 58 for England and Wales.

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR.

<u>LEGITIMATE.</u>	<u>ILLEGITIMATE.</u>
Male 13	-
Female 2	-
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TOTAL 15.	

DEATHS FROM DIARRHOEA (UNDER 2 YEARS) 2.

This gave a death rate of 8.04 per 1000 births.

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL SEPSIS. 1.

This gave a material death rate of 4.02 per 1000 births.

BIRTH-RATES, DEATH-RATES and ANALYSIS of MORTALITY during the YEAR 1937.

	Rate per 1000 Total Population		Annual Death-rate per 1000 Population.											Rate per 1000 Live Births.	
	Live Births.	Still Births.	All Causes.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria.	Influenza.	Violence.	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 yrs.)	Total Deaths under 1 year.		
England and Wales	14.9	0.60	12.4	0.00	-	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.07	0.45	0.54	5.8	58		
125 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London.	14.9	0.67	12.5	0.01	-	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.08	0.39	0.45	7.9	62		
148 Smaller Towns (Estimated Resident Populations 25000 to 50000 at Census 1931.	15.3	0.64	11.9	0.00	-	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.42	0.42	3.2	55		
London.	13.3	0.54	12.3	0.00	-	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.05	0.38	0.51	12.0	60		

Normanton.

16.2 0.81 11.3 0.06 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.27 0.34 8.04 63

AGES AT DEATH FOR 1937.

<u>Age Groups.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
0 - 1	13	2
1 - 5	-	1
5 - 10	-	2
10 - 15	2	-
15 - 20	2	1
20 - 25	-	1
25 - 30	3	1
30 - 40	4	6
40 - 50	4	10
50 - 60	10	10
60 - 70	15	14
70 - 80	26	23
80 - 90	12	3
Over 90	-	1
	<u>91</u>	<u>75</u>
	<u>TOTAL 166.</u>	

It will be seen from the above table that 94 deaths occurred above the age of 60.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than TUBERCULOSIS) FOR 1937.

<u>Diseases.</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Cases treated in Hospital.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	62	51
Diphtheria.	25	25
Typhoid.	1	1
Paratyphoid.	2	2
Pneumonia.	26	-
Erysipelas.	9	-
Puerperal Fever.	6	6
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	1	-

Scarlet Fever was prevalent during the year, especially in the months of June, November and December; Diphtheria still showed a low case incidence and so far no case had occurred where Immunisation had taken place.

TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFICATIONS FOR 1937.

<u>Age Groups.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
0 - 1	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	1	1	-	1
15 - 20	1	1	1	1
20 - 25	1	1	1	2
25 - 35	3	2	-	-
35 - 45	3	-	-	1
45 - 55	2	1	-	-
55 - 65	1	-	-	1
65 and upwards	-	1	-	-
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>12.</u>	<u>7.</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL 27.</u>				

The total number of cases on register on 1st. January, 1937, was 99 and on December 31st., 1937, was 102, an addition of 3 cases during the year.

CASES ON TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER IN 1937.

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Totals.</u>
	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	
1st. Quarter.	43	27	17	15	102
2nd. Quarter.	45	26	18	15	104
3rd. Quarter.	48	28	18	16	110
4th. Quarter.	45	24	17	16	102

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS FOR 1937.

<u>Age Groups.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
0 - 1	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	-	-
20 - 25	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	3	-	-	-
35 - 45	1	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards.	-	1	-	-
	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>TOTAL 5.</u>		

The following pages give the Sanitary Statistics for the Normanton Urban District for the year 1937. It will be noted that at the end of the year 19 Privies remained and it is hoped that conversions to Water Closets will be completed during 1938. A scheme has been formulated for these 19 Privies and this entails a sump with an automatic electric pump for raising the contents since these cannot be otherwise connected to the present Sewerage System.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS.

Total number of inspections made in 1937 for Nuisances only, 847.

(For Housing Inspections see Housing Table).

Nuisances found in 1937	307	
Nuisances in hand end of 1936	8	
Total needing abatement	315	
Abated during 1937	287	
Outstanding end of 1937	28	
Notices served, Informal	282.	Complied with 254
Do. do. Statutory	25	Do. do. 25

Total number of summonses or other legal proceedings, none.

Regulated Buildings, Trades, etc.	No.in Dist- rict.	No.on Regi- ster.	Total No. of Inspec- tions made.	General Conditions.	Legal Proceedings (if any).
Common Lodging Houses	None				
Houses let in Lodgings	None				
Canal Boats	None				
Knackers' Yards	None				
Tents,Vans and Sheds	2		2	Good	-
Offensive Trades	1		12	Good	-
(Please Specify kind)				Tripe Boiler	

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive
Trades? No.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Particulars of any sewer extensions during 1937. To new Houses only.

Details of any portion of district still requiring:-

(a) Sewering	none.
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(b) Improvement of defective sewers	none.
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Number of houses not connected to sewers	3.
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SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

Particulars of any extensions made during 1937	none.
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Any inadequacy of sewage disposal works?	none.
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Any complaint from West Riding Rivers Board?	none.
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CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of Privies with open middens	none.
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No. of Pail or Tub Closets	none.
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No. of Privies with covered middens	19.
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No. of Water Closets	3637.
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Waste water closets	48.
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No. of Privies reconstructed during 1937 (a) as W.C's	11.
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(b) other	4 waste water.
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No. of additional closets provided for old property	
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in 1937 (a) W.C's	5.
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(b) other	none.
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No. of closets constructed in 1937 for new houses	
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(a) W.C's	36.
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(b) other	none.
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Any special action being taken by Council to secure conversion of privies and pails to W.C. system; if so, what? Contributing under Section 39 (4) Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907 and Section 47 Public Health Act, 1936.

SCAVENGING.

Is public scavenging in operation throughout the whole district? Yes.

How is refuse disposed of?

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Destruction | Refuse from Shops. |
| 2. Tipping | Yes, except night soil. |
| 3. Farmers | Night soil only. |

If tipping is in operation is it on the controlled system? Yes.

Total annual cost of collection and disposal of refuse. £2573.

WATER SUPPLY.

Source of supply	Taken in bulk from Wakefield Corporation.	
By whom distributed	Normanton Urban District Council.	
No. of houses on public supply	All of them.	
Any extensions of supply during the year?	None.	
Has supply been satisfactory?	Yes.	
(a) In quality	Yes.	
(b) In quantity	Yes.	
Any analyses made during the year	None.	Result -
Have any supplies been restricted or closed, if so, where?	No.	

MILK SUPPLY.

Are two registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act 1922? Yes. (a) For Retailers. Yes. (b) For Cowkeepers or Wholesale Traders. Yes. Have any Retailers been removed from the Register? No.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

No. of licenses in force in area for:-

- | | |
|---|-------|
| (a) Production of certified Tuberculin Tested or Grade "A" T.T. Milk. | None. |
| (b) Do. Grade "A" or "Accredited Milk" | None. |
| (c) Pasteurised Milk. | None. |

Samples of designated milk examined bacteriologically:-

Number satisfactory.	Number Unsatisfactory.	Total.
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No. of Milk Samples taken by Officers of Local Authority for analysis under Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928, 11. No. found adulterated, One, addition of water 2.8%.

No. of prosecutions, none.

No. of Samples of ordinary milk taken by Officers of Local Authority for:-

(a) Methylene Blue Test none.

(b) Presence of Tuberculosis 5.

Any special examination of milk for dirt, e.g. sedimentation test? none.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk during 1937? none.

No. of Cowkeepers in district 7. Number registered 7.

Total No. of Cowsheds 8. Total no. of milk cows. Aver. 50.

Total no. of Cowsheds inspected during the year 8

Total no. of Cowshed inspections 32

No. of Wholesale Traders registered 2

No. of Retail Milk Sellers registered 27

Observations as to structural conditions, cleanliness and methods of production and handling of milk. Buildings good, in some cases manure in open yard too near cowshed; production and handling good.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Diseases specially prevalent in 1937, Scarlet Fever.

State months:- June, November and December.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list? none.

Any influences threatening the health of the district? none.

Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases? (for areas autonomous under the M. & C.W. Act, 1918):-

At home, none. In Hospital, Yes, under W.R.C.C.

ISOLATION HOSPITALS.

GENERAL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Address of Hospital Ackton.

Any change or extension in 1937 Extension of Administration Block.

Any disease in addition to Scarlet Fever, Enteric Fever or Diphtheria
(e.g. Pneumonia) treated in infectious diseases hospital No.

Name of authority controlling. Normanton & District Joint Isolation
Hospital Committee.

SMALLPOX.

Address of Hospital Glasshoughton..

Any change or extension in 1937 None.

Name of authority controlling. Normanton & District Joint Isolation
Hospital Committee.

GENERAL HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS.

(a) General and Accident. Address General Infirmary and Women's
Hospital, Leeds.

Childrens. Clayton & County Hospitals, Wakefield.

(b) Local: Hospital, Cottage Castleford, Normanton & District
Cottage Hospital, Whitwood.

(c) Maternity (Homes) Leeds, Wakefield and Castleford.

AMBULANCE SERVICES.

	<u>Location of Ambu- lance.</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Type of Ambulance</u>	<u>Arrange- ments for nurse to accompany Patient.</u>	<u>Charges (if any) to Patients in district.</u>
For General Sick & Accident Cases	Council Offices	N.U.D.C.	Morris Commer- cial.	none	none

For General Infectious
Disease Cases. Normanton & District Joint Isolation Hospital
Committee.

For Smallpox Do. do. do. do. do.

If ambulance of another authority is used, please state terms and
conditions. None used.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Please state:-

No. of Council houses found to be infested 7. No. disinfested 7.

Other houses found to be infested 10. No. disinfested 10.

What methods are employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs?

Blow lamp used, sprayed with insecticide and a Fumigating block placed in sealed room.

What methods are employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council houses? Tenants visited before removal, conditions noted, if found necessary, above treatment carried out - offer to remove free of cost any unwanted beds mattresses or other accumulations - visited after removal.

Is the work of disinfection carried out by the Local Authority or by a Contractor? Local Authority.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

Are there any in the district:-

(a) Any public swimming baths or pools? Yes, one.

(b) Any privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public, none.

If so give brief particulars of each and state what action is taken to ensure the satisfactory condition of the water. It was decided at end of 1937 to introduce a Chloramine apparatus for purification of water.

ADOPTIVE ACTS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT.

Please give complete list stating also if whole Act has been adopted, and if not, what parts or sections are in force.

Infectious diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890.	Whole Act.
Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890.	Parts 3 and 4.
Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907.	Parts 2,3,4,5 & 6 and section 95 of part 10.
Private Street Works Act, 1892.	Whole Act.
Public Health Act, 1925.	Parts 2,3,4,5 and 6.

BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS in force in the district,

<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Date of Approval.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Date of Approval.</u>
Cleansing of Footways and Pavements.	1894	Baths and Wash-Houses	1906.
Scavenging.	do.	Houses let in Lodgings	1894
Prevention of Nuisances	do.	Cemteries under control of Burial Board.	
Common Lodging Houses	do.	Mortuaries.	1894
New Street & Buildings	1926	Offensive Trades.	do.
Alteration of Buildings	do.	Tents, Vans & Sheds	None in force.
Slaughterhouses	1894	Smoke abatement.	None in force

INFANT MORTALITY.

Any suggestions?	None.
Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1937?	None.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Any Public Abattoir in district?	No.	
Total No. of private Slaughterhouses	10	made up of
1 registered and 9 licensed.		
No. unsatisfactory either as regards structure, position or in other respects.	Most of them too near dwelling houses.	

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle (excluding Cows)	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	not	known.			
Number inspected	297	96	15	85	355
All Diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcasses condemned	None	None	None	None	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	None	5	None	1	None
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.					

Tuberculosis Only.	Cattle (exclud. Cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Whole carcasses condemned	None	1	None	None	None
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	20	None	None	None
Percentage of the number inspec- ted affected with tuberculosis.					

PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS, 1924.

Meat marking: Is scheme in force under above? No.
If so, give particulars of action under same. -

OTHER FOODS.

No. of samples (other than milk) taken by Officers of L.A. for
examination under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928. None.
No. found adulterated, None. No. of prosecutions, None.
No. of Bakehouses in district, 8. Total inspections, 16.
Are any Bakehouses underground, if so, how many? None.

SCHOOLS. Statutory Medical Inspection is carried out by the County
Education Authority in most of the Districts, but that
does not relieve the M.O.H. of his duties in regard to
sanitation and the prevention of infectious outbreaks in
connection with Schools.

No. of Schools in District, 13. No. visited by M.O.H. All.
Action taken, None. Schools closed by M.O.H. None.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS. (Please attach copy of Home Office Form 572).

No. of smoke observations each of 30 minutes duration taken during
1937. None.
No. of above showing excessive emission of black smoke. None.
No. of cautions issued. Interviewed on three occasions the boiler
fireman at the Public Baths and suggested more careful
attention to stoking.
No. of statutory notices issued. None.
No. of prosecutions. None.

SHOPS ACT, 1934, Sections 10 and 13 (3).

No. of visits paid under the above Act during 1937. 88.

Unsatisfactory conditions found, 4. Remedied 4.

VAN DWELLINGS.

No. in district 2.

Is this class of dwelling showing signs of increase? No.

Have Council any special powers or bye-laws for dealing with Van Dwellings, if so, what? None.

Any action under Public Health Act, 1936 (Sect.269) No.

Has any trouble been experienced in controlling this type of dwelling? No.

If so, please give particulars.

MORTUARIES. What accommodation:-

(a) For accidents, Yes.

(b) For infectious cases other than at Hospital, None.

(c) For other cases, Yes.

(d) For post mortem examinations, Yes.

Any suggestions by M.O.H. None.

BACTERIOLOGY. (County Laboratory) Any suggestions? None.

ANY REMARKS as to:-

(a) Clinics or Dispensaries provided by the County Council? None.

(b) Any other Medical Services provided by the County Council in your district? None.

BURNING SPOIL BANKS. Any nuisance therefrom? If so, please give particulars.
None in district.

SANITARY STAFF.

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.? £100.

<u>Name of Sanitary Inspector.</u>	<u>Annual Salary as Inspector.</u>	<u>Other Appointments held.</u>	<u>Salary for such other appointments.</u>
Walter Baxter.	£260.	Scavenging Superintendent, Housing Inspector, Officer P.H.Meat Regulations, Officer in charge Public Ambulance.	Nil.

Any assistants? No.

Is Staff sufficient? No.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed
by Ministry of Health? Yes.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS ON ANY SUBJECTS (please attach copy).

None.

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS as to Sanitary requirements of District,
suggestions of M.O.H., and extended notes on any of the foregoing
entries. None.

H O U S I N G - 1 9 3 7.

Under the more stringent regulations of the Housing Act of 1936, 121 houses in the Normanton Urban District were found to be overcrowded at the end of 1937 in spite of the fact of the population figure of 3.9 per house throughout the Area. 34 new houses were added to the list by private enterprise during the year and as shown in the Housing Statistics the Local Authority is putting into operation a Scheme for 122 houses during 1938 which should overcome all over-crowding in this District.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

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|-----|-----|---|----|
| (1) | (a) | Total number of dwelling houses inspected for Housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). | 69 |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | 69 |
| (2) | (a) | Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations. | 69 |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | 69 |
| (3) | | Number of dwelling houses needing further action | 69 |
| | (a) | Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. | 0 |
| | (b) | Number (excluding those in sub-head (3) (a) above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. | 69 |

NOTE:- Totals of (3) (a) and (b) should equal the figure given for (3).

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. 52

3.	<u>ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.</u>	
A.	Proceedings under Sections 9. 10. 16, Housing Act. 1936.	
	(1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	7
	(2) No. of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.	7
	(a) By Owners.	7
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners.	0
B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
	(1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	0
	(2) No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.	0
	(a) By Owners.	0
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners.	0
C.	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
	(1) No. of representations, etc. made in respect of dwelling houses unfit for habitation.	0
	(2) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	0
	(3) No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	0
D.	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
	(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	0
	(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	0
4.	<u>UNHEALTHY AREAS.</u>	
	Have any areas been declared Clearance Areas during the year 1937?	
	If so, please give full particulars as to such, including situation, number of houses, population, and action taken relative thereto.	None.
5.	<u>NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING 1937.</u>	
	(a) By the Local Authority.	0
	(b) By private enterprise.	34
		<u>34</u>
		<u>Total 34</u>

6. HOUSING CONDITIONS.

- (1) Total number of houses in the District. 3701
- (2) No. of working class houses included in the above. 3600
- (3) General observations as to Housing Conditions, over-crowding and shortage of houses. Under the Housing Act 1936, 121 houses were found to be overcrowded at the end of the year. These should be relieved under Scheme in Section (5) see under.
- (4) Any special activity in house building? If so, where? 34 Houses (working class) were built in Dalefield Area and Ashgap Lane by private Builders during the year. These when completed were sold and occupied by purchasers.
- (5) Any Housing Scheme projected by Local Authority? Yes. 72 Houses for Aged Persons.
50 Houses for Working Class.
These are being built to comply with the over-crowding provisions of the 1936 Housing Act.
- (6) Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 12 Housing Act, 1936. None.

7. TOWN PLANNING.

- (1) Is the Council a member of any Regional Town Planning Committee? If so, which? Wakefield and District Joint Planning Committee.
- (2) Is a Town Planning Scheme in force for
- (a) The whole of the District. Yes
- (b) Part of the District. —
- If so, give particulars of scheme. In Preparation.

8. Name and Address of Officer designated to make inspections under the Housing Consolidated Regulations:-

Walter Baxter,
Council Offices,
Normanton.

9. Has any action been taken to improve the Housing Conditions of tuberculosis families in your district, either by way of building new or special houses, or the granting of special facilities for such families to be housed? If so, please state action taken. None.

10. HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

(a)	(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year.	121
	(2)	Number of families dwelling therein.	135
	(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein.	894
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.	0
(c)	(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.	68
	(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases.	258
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for abatement of overcrowding.	None
(e)		Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report.	No

ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH for the
YEAR 1937, for the URBAN DISTRICT of NORMANTON in the
COUNTY of YORKSHIRE W.R., on the administration of the
Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with:-

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS and WORKPLACES.

1. INSPECTION of FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS and WORKPLACES.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector or
Inspector of Nuisances.

Premises. (1)	Number of		Occupiers prosecuted. (4)
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	
FACTORIES (including Factory Laundries)	6	0	0
WORKSHOPS (including Workshop Laundries)	25	0	0
WORKPLACES (Other than Outworkers' Premises)	0	0	0
TOTAL	31	0	0

2. DEFECTS FOUND in FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS and WORKPLACES.

Particulars. (1)	No. of Defects.			No. of Offences in respect of which Prosecu- tions were instituted. (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:-				
Want of Cleanliness.	3	3	0	0
Want of ventilation.	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding.	0	0	0	0
Want of drainage of floors.	0	0	0	0
Other Nuisances	0	0	0	0
insufficient, unsuitable or	0	0	0	0
Sanitary defective.	0	0	0	0
Accommodation not separate for sexes.	0	0	0	0
Offences under the Factory and Workshops Acts.				
Illegal occupation of under- ground Bakehouse.(s.101)	0	0	0	0
Other Offences.				
(Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Work- shops Transfer of Powers) (Order 921).	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	3	0	0

Including those specified in sections 2,3,7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

Outwork in Unwholesome Premises, Section 108.

None in District.

(Signature)

W. McKIE,
Medical Officer of Health.

Date. October, 1938.

NORMANTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT of the SANITARY INSPECTOR, for the YEAR ended 31st.
DECEMBER, 1937.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to place before you my report of the work carried out in the Sanitary and Cleansing Departments for the year 1937.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

The following shows the types of Sanitary conveniences at the end of the year - 3596 water closets, 48 waste-water closets, 41 water closets flushed by automatic tanks and 19 privies.

During the year 11 privies were converted to water closets and 4 waste-water closets were also converted, the Council contributing towards the cost, at the same time the Owners at their own expense provided 5 additional W.C's so that each house had separate accommodation.

Out of the 3700 houses in the district 180 have not the sole use of a W.C. an addition of 90 W.C's in these circumstances would give to each house that privacy which every house should possess. 123 of these houses having a joint use of a W.C. are of the back-to-back type.

The Council having obtained a loan to enable them to contribute towards the cost of converting the waste-water and automatically flushed W.C's and the Surveyor having received instructions to put a scheme into operation which will allow the privies in Cemetery Lane to be converted, there does not appear to be any reason why the whole of the Sanitary Conveniences in the District should not be of one type- a separately flushed W.C. by the end of 1938.

Since 1929 when the Council put into operation Section 39 (Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1907) 1303 privies have been converted and 138 additional W.C's were provided by the Owners.

SCAVENGING.

The following types of refuse receptacles were in use in the District at the end of the year:-

Wet ashpits in connection with privies.	11
Dry ashpits	44
Ashbins	3277

The wet ashpits are cleansed at night once per month, dry ashpits are cleansed part weekly and the remainder every two weeks, ashbins some definitely twice per week on special days, St. John's Terrace every morning except Sunday and the remainder approximately every 6 days.

The refuse from shops is collected weekly and burnt at the Council's Incinerator which is also used for disposing of any unsound food met with in meat inspection, discarded floor coverings, wall paper strippings and other accumulations during a change of tenancies, and beds, mattresses, etc. following death or for which the owners have no further use are also brought to the incinerator for disposal.

TIPS.

At the beginning of the year all refuse was being disposed of at the Pontefract Road tip - a field which the Council have on lease - this tip which was first used in May 1933 was completed as a tip on the 6th. of February 1937, and from the commencement to the finish 5662 motor and 1359 horse loads of refuse were tipped there, soiled over and sown down with grass.

On the 8th. of February tipping re-commenced at the disused brickyard clay hole belonging to the Council off Wakefield Road and continued there until August 19th. when, on account of

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the condition of the water it became necessary to find other accommodation, the old tip far end of Pontefract Road was used for a month, in the meantime an arrangement was made for filling up the low lying field belonging to Mr.G.Hepworth, adjacent to the tip completed in February, this being approached from Atkinson Street.

Prior to abandoning the brickyard tip, and for sometime after every effort was made to purify the water by treating with Lime and Bleaching Powder without obtaining satisfactory results.

The total amount of household refuse collected during the year was 3565 loads - 2878 by motor and 687 by horse. Estimated weight in tons 6800.

Shop refuse collected and taken to the Incinerator for burning was 427 horse and 13 motor loads, 75 old beds, mattresses, etc. were collected and burnt.

HOUSING.

The total number of houses inspected for housing defects during the year was 69; a schedule of defects found was forwarded to the Owners concerned. In 52 cases the necessary repairs were carried out without further notice, formal notice having to be served on the remainder.

PREVENTION and ABATEMENT of OVERCROWDING.

The total number of dwellings known to be overcrowded at the end of the year was 121 as compared with 208 when the Housing Survey was taken January to March 1936, although many on the border line at that time may now be overcrowded due to younger members of the family reaching their tenth year.

Whilst it is necessary to see that further overcrowding does not arise and landlords are watching this point, one finds great difficulty in advising an overcrowded tenant to find other accommodation, he, the tenant is more or less helpless in the matter,

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landlords even if the rent is assured, will not let a house to a large family, and one can only hope that some of the houses now in course of erection will soon be available for the worst cases and one also hopes that the Council will when letting other houses belonging to them give favourable consideration to some of these cases.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year disinfection for the following diseases was carried out:-

Typhoid and Paratyphoid	3 cases
Scarlet Fever	62 "
Diphtheria	25 "
Tuberculosis	18 "

After disinfection following a case of Infectious Disease a liberal supply of disinfectant is left with the householder and it is also periodically given for the use of T.B. and Cancer patients, disinfectant continues to be given out on Thursday mornings between 9 and 11 a.m.

47 Library books were brought away from houses following Infection and after treatment were returned to the Library.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are 10 slaughter houses in the district, 9 of which are licensed and 1 registered, these accommodate 21 local butchers, some of these slaughter houses are old and too near dwellings to be considered satisfactory. They have been well conducted during the year and no difficulty was experienced in carrying out my duties as Inspector.

The following is a record of meat condemned as unfit for human consumption, surrendered by the butchers concerned and burnt at the Council's Incinerator:-

The carcase and all organs of a cow
Two fore quarters of a cow
Carcase and organs of two pigs

Parts of Organs (Bovine)	Heads and Tongues	3
	Lungs	7
	Livers	8
	Kidneys	3
	Stomachs	4
	Udders	2

All animals including sheep are stunned by a mechanically operated instrument.

There are 30 Butchers shops in the area and 49 Butchers are registered as licensed slaughter men.

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER.

The number of Cowsheds in the district is 8 and the average number of Milch cows kept being 50. The West Riding County Council administer part IV of the Milk and Dairies Order 1926 and the Tuberculosis Order 1925.

Two visits were paid during the year by one of the County Veterinary Staff to each cowshed for examination of the cows, and in no case was it found necessary to remove any animal for a specified disease. The cowsheds which are periodically visited are generally kept in a clean condition.

The Register kept in accordance with the provisions of the Milk and Dairies Order record -

- 7 persons registered as Cowkeepers
- 8 premises registered as Cowsheds
- 10 premises registered as Dairies.
- 26 persons registered as Purveyors of Milk (Retail).

During the year 11 samples of Milk were taken for Analysis under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act 1928. 10 of which were reported to be genuine and 1 deficient in fat. 5 samples of Milk were taken at the time of milking from 5 farms and sent to the Public Health Laboratory, County Hall, Wakefield - Examination of Milk for B.Tuberculosis:- All were satisfactory.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT.

There are on the Register 50 mostly small places.

No. of Bakehouses	11
" " Wholesale Fish Dealers	1
" " Retail Fishmongers	6
" " Fish Fryers	25

On my visits to these premises they have generally been found in good order.

SHOPS ACT.

As the population of the district is under 20000 the only provisions of the Act which directly concerns it are the provisions regarding light and ventilation and proper sanitary conveniences. A visit was paid to all the shops in the area accompanied by a West Riding County Council Inspector in November last.

PETROLEUM STORAGE.

There were issued during the year 9 licences for the storage of Petroleum Spirit the quantity to be stored under licence was 28400 gallons. Two Carbide of Calcium licences were issued to store 116 lbs.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION.

Rat week was observed November 1st. to 6th, by an advertisement in the Local Press and large size posters "Kill that Rat" were exhibited in prominent places, farms, piggeries, allotment gardens and dumps were visited. Baits as recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries were laid where rats were known to exist. Attention is given to all reported cases throughout the year.

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SUMMARY of COMPLAINTS, DEFECTS or NUISANCES FOUND and
REMEDIED DURING the YEAR.

Leaky roofs	27
Defective eaves gutters and fall pipes	50
Roofs stripped and re-slatted	13
Defective chimney stacks and pots	7
Defective sash windows	9
Broken window cords	28
Defective bedroom floors	5
Defective living room floors	11
Foul and worn-out sinks	14
Defective sink waste pipes	26
Defective set-pot	7
Defective ovens and range bars	20
Broken ceiling and wall plaster	19
Choked house and W.C. drains	129
Flooded cellars	11
Defective yard paving	8
Inadequate water supply	26
Defective dustbins	59
Defective and worn stone steps	10
Defective W.C. pans, cisterns and seats	75

In conclusion I beg to thank the Clerk, the Medical Officer of Health and the Surveyor for their assistance and loyal support during the year.

I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

WALTER BAXTER,

Sanitary Inspector.



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- 12 Lacy, Louis
- 13 Detective James G. Gurnea and John G. Gurnea
- 14 Books shipped and received
- 15 Detective William J. Gurnea and John G. Gurnea
- 16 Detective James G. Gurnea
- 17 Broken window cover
- 18 Detective William J. Gurnea
- 19 Detective James G. Gurnea
- 20 Found and returned stolen
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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D.C., this 1st day of January, 1921.

J. Edgar Hoover
Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice